

said we are stalling, we are using different tactics, we are blaming the Revenue Committee for this, we are blaming the Appropriations Committee for this, the Governor wants that, and we are really having a donnybrook that hasn't even gotten started. Now you throw onto this floor us setting the sales and income tax and we are going to have a Special Session just on that because we won't have enough time to settle the issue. It is too heavy of an issue for us to take up in 15 minutes and vote on. The amendment has been there for four days. Nobody had time to really visit about it, get feel from the constituents, get the feel from anybody else. I think we are being very, very hasty if we pass this amendment, and I would like to ask you to oppose my good friend, Senator Newell's amendment that he has proposed. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL PRESIDING

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Newell, did you wish to close?

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am very disappointed we did not discuss this issue on its merits. The issue has been discussed instead upon whether or not we ought to be discussing the issue. The issue is germane. It is appropriate. It is an issue that this Legislature has not been willing to address in the past, and I think it is a policy issue that this state should well address, because what Senator Haberman said is correct. If we vote for this proposal, what will happen is simply this, we will have to fess up and be responsible, and I sense that since everyone has discussed this issue not on its merits but on whether or not they will be able to explain it back home that we are not going to get a vote on whether or not this Legislature should be responsible. So with that in mind, it will not serve to accomplish the purpose that I had hoped it would accomplish, so I would request withdrawing the motion. We will deal with the bill, as bad as it is, today.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Clerk, will you read the bill, please?

CLERK: Yes, sir. (Read LB 454 on Final Reading).

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: All provisions of law having been complied with, the question is, shall the bill pass? Those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. This is with the emergency